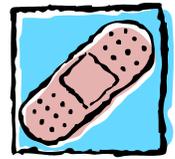


## Attention: School Immunizations



**All incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders need to have a Tdap immunization. This shot is in addition to the shots required when your child was in elementary school.** Tdap protects your child from getting or infecting others with whooping cough (babies are the most vulnerable), which can lead to pneumonia, seizures, and death. Whooping cough *has* been reported in Colorado Springs. Tdap also protects against tetanus (which causes painful muscle stiffness, convulsions and death) and diphtheria (which can cause suffocation, paralysis, heart failure, and death).

**State law requires that all 6<sup>th</sup> graders have this immunization along with those required for elementary school. The complete requirements are:**

- 3 to 5 DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis)
- **1 Tdap**
- 3 or 4 Polio
- 3 Hepatitis B
- 2 MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
- 1 Varicella (or documented history of chickenpox)

As a parent, it is important to know that in addition to the vaccines **required** by the state of Colorado Board of Health for school entry, there are also vaccines that are **recommended** by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices that can protect against other serious diseases.

Parents often have concerns or want more information on children's immunizations and vaccine safety. A resource developed for parents with frequently asked questions about the safety and importance of vaccines can be located at: [www.ImmunizeForGood.com](http://www.ImmunizeForGood.com).

**Please make an appointment to get this done as soon as possible. Bring proof of the immunization to the school office before the start of school in August.**

### Where can you get your child immunized?

- Your family doctor or pediatrician.
- El Paso County Health Department Immunization Clinic: 578-3272 for an appointment. Appointments are necessary. Bring shot record with child. Medicaid is accepted. Cash, checks, VISA/MasterCard are accepted. No child will be turned away.
- Peak Vista Community Health Center: 632-5700: You must be registered with Peak Vista to be seen there. If your child qualifies, they will assist you with registration.
- The SET Clinic: 776-8850 For those without insurance, with Medicaid or if their insurance does not cover immunizations (underinsured) - FREE Immunizations, call for an appointment.
- Ronald McDonald Care Mobile will be at different locations. (free for those without insurance or with Medicaid) For dates and appointments, call 866-6789

Parents may sign an exemption based on religious, medical or personal reasons. In the event of an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease, unvaccinated students may be quarantined and excluded from school for weeks, in which case D-11 is not obligated to provide tutoring.